

Rowland, Holton and Davis of Madison. The latter gentleman is excused on account of indisposition, and Mr. Blaisdell is appointed in his place.

Indefinite leave of absence is granted to Mr. Munden from and after Saturday.

H. B. 108, a bill for the prevention of cruelty to animals, is put on its readings.

Mr. Rose offers the following amendment:

“Amend the 4th section by striking out all after the word “creature” in the 13th line of said section.”

Which is accepted.

Mr. Cowan moves to amend by striking out Pender county from the operation of the bill.

On the passage of the bill on the second reading, Mr. Worthington demands the previous question. The call is sustained, and the main question is ordered.

The question is on the passage of the bill on its second reading, and it passes.

The bill goes to its third reading, and is again read at the call of Mr. Bledsoe.

Mr. Hicks moves to amend by striking out “any living creature,” and inserting “any useful beast, fowl or animal.”

Mr. Hanner offers the following amendment to come in as an additional section next before the ratifying clause:

“Section —. This act shall apply only to domestic animals and beasts of burden.”

The amendment is accepted by leave of the House.

Mr. Worthington demands the previous question, and the main question is ordered.

The question recurs first on the amendment of Mr. Hicks, and it is rejected, and then on the bill and it passes its third